

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

Our Lady of the Lake Mission

21396 Hwy 29, Middletown

September 10, 2023

707 987-3676



Pastoral Staff

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Schedule of Services:

Reconciliation

Friday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. English
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Spanish
or by Appointment

Baptisms

Preparation for parents required:
See Pastor after Mass

Marriages

By appointment at least six months
in advance

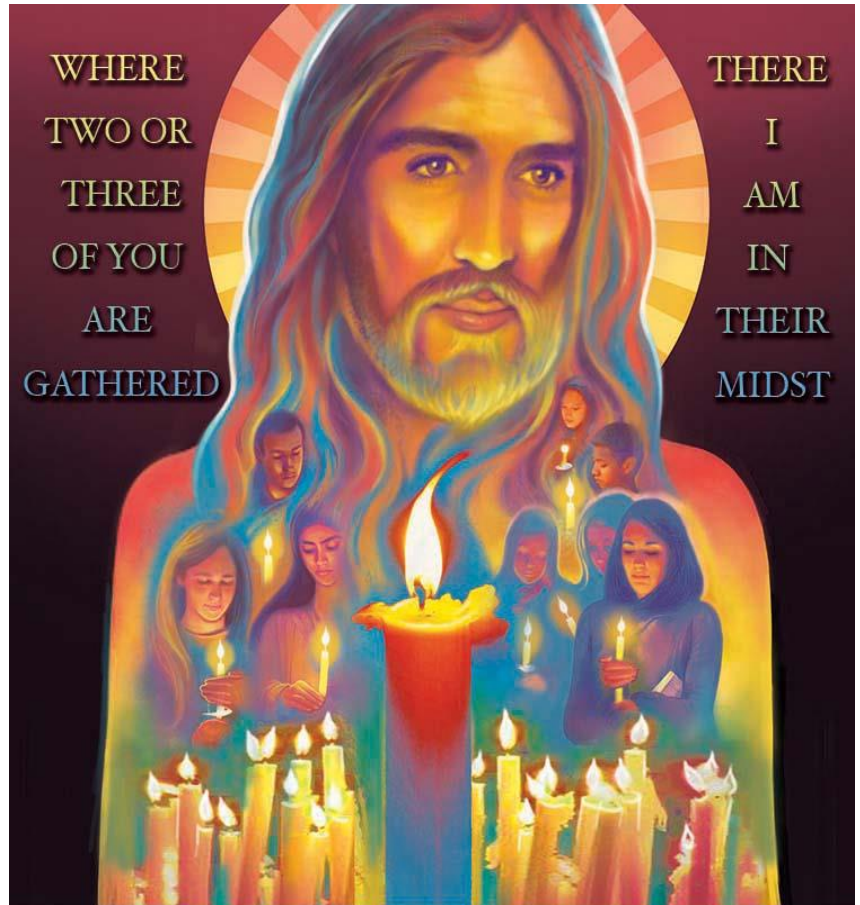
Anointing of the Sick

For those who are elderly, seriously
ill, or scheduled for surgery, please
call the parish office.

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Our Lady of the Lake Mission – 12836 Hwy 175, Loch Lomond
Saturday Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses

St. Joseph Church – Middletown, 9:30 a.m. (English)
St. Joseph Church - 4:00 p.m. (Spanish)

St. Joseph Church Weekday Schedule

Mass Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. (English)
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 6:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

7:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday only

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

September 10, 2023- **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Accusation and Forgiveness by Elizabeth Weiss

In today's Gospel reading from Mathew (18:15-20), Jesus gives his disciples (and us) a process for resolving our differences. No doubt that group of men from such varied walks of life had plenty of disputes. Imagine how the other ten disciples reacted when James and John asked to be seated in the favored spots at His right and His left when Jesus came into His kingdom! (Mark 10:35-45) There are probably times when our friends do not listen to us regarding their faults and we feel compelled follow Jesus' process, bring others into the dispute, and vindicate our complaint. However, frequently, the fault resides in our own heart.

Fr. James Martin, S.J. offers the following prayer to help us confront our 'finger pointing' at others' faults and review our heart's need for change.

The New Serenity Prayer

God, Grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change,

Which is pretty much everyone, since I'm not you, God.

At least not the last time I checked. And while you're at it God,

please give me courage to change what I need to change about myself,

which is frankly a lot, since, once again, I'm not you, which means I am not perfect.

It's better for me to focus on changing myself, than to worry about changing other people,

who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than everyone else in the room,

that no one knows what they're talking about except me, or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you.

Amen

10 de Septiembre de 2023- Vigésimo tercer domingo en horario ordinario

Acusación y Perdón de Elizabeth Weiss

En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy de Mateo (18:15-20), Jesús da a sus discípulos (y a nosotros) un proceso para resolver nuestras diferencias. No hay duda de que un grupo de hombres de tan variados ámbitos de la vida tuvo muchas disputas. ¡Imagina cómo reaccionaron los otros diez discípulos cuando Santiago y Juan pidieron que se sentaran en los lugares favoritos a su derecha y a su izquierda cuando Jesús entró en su reino! (Marcos 10:35-45) Probablemente hay momentos en los que nuestros amigos no nos escuchan con respecto a sus faltas y nos sentimos obligados a seguir el proceso de Jesús, llevar a otros a la disputa y reivindicar nuestra queja. Sin embargo, con frecuencia, la culpa reside en nuestro propio corazón.

Padre. James Martin, S.J. Ofrece la siguiente oración para ayudarnos a enfrentarnos a nuestro "dedo apuntando" a las fallas de los demás y revisar la necesidad de cambio de nuestro corazón.

La Nueva Oración de Serenidad

Dios, concédeme la serenidad para aceptar a las personas que no puedo cambiar,

Que es casi todo el mundo, ya que no soy tú, Dios. Al menos no la última vez que lo revisé. Y mientras estás en ello,

Dios, Por favor, dame valor para cambiar lo que necesito cambiar sobre mí mismo,

Lo cual es francamente mucho, ya que, una vez más, no soy tú, lo que significa que no soy perfecto.

Es mejor para mí centrarme en cambiarme a mí mismo que preocuparme por cambiar a otras personas,

Quien, como sin duda recordarás que dije, no puedo cambiar de todos modos.

Finalmente, dame la sabiduría de callarme cada vez que piense que soy claramente más inteligente que todos los demás en la habitación, Que nadie sabe de lo que están hablando, excepto yo, o que solo yo tengo todas las respuestas.

Básicamente, Dios, concédeme la sabiduría para recordar que no soy tú.

Amén



Please pray for the sick in our parish

and those who care for them.... Larry Boll, Lourdes Borzoni, Brendan "Ben" Coyne, Cheryl Elliehausen, Hector Guerra, Alysia Hash, Jasmine Hash, Linda Hoogendoorn, John Johnson, Andre Kelley, Judy Knight, Helen Kruljac, Coleen McCluskey, Elsa Meyer, Shirley Milner, Karen Ness, Don Nielsen, Andres Ochoa, Joaquina Ortega, Tyrone Rivera, Melody Royvel, Kirt Smartt, Judith Spears, Debbie Spicart, Leslie Thomas, Toni Vecellio, and **special intentions for all who suffer from cancer.**

● **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** - First Communion Classes are now in progress. Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, October 8 from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Forms are in the back of the church. Please complete one for each child and return to the office with the tuition as soon as possible. Birth certificate, baptismal certificates and first communion certificates are required.

● **OUR LADY OF THE PINES** is now closed for the year. Our outdoor church will open again next Memorial Day.

● **MISSION APPEAL** Fr. Gabriel T. Wankar will be our guest priest next weekend, September 16 & 17. Father Gabriel will be saying all masses at St. Joseph in appeal for the needs of the Diocese of Gboko, north-central Nigeria. Fr. Gabriel was born and raised in Gboko, worked in Nigeria after ordination and was eventually assigned to San Francisco in 2015. **The second collection will be for the Diocese of Gboko.** Please be sure to put your yellow and blue envelopes in the first collection basket.

● **Fr. Lawrence will be away** from our parish from September 12 through September 20. There will be no weekday mass on September 12, 13, 14, 15, 19 and 20.

● As always, St. Joseph Parishioners have shown their generosity and support. The second collection last weekend for the **Maui Relief Fund** totaled \$1,690.

Visit our website for a copy of the bulletin.

stjoseph-middletown.com

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

Sign-up sheets available in the back of St. Joseph for Eucharistic Adoration for every first Friday of the month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Mass Intentions

September 9 through September 15, 2023

Saturday, September 9, 4:00 p.m.

Mathew Stockham+ by Monica Huck

Sunday, September 10, 9:30 a.m.

Deceased Members of St. Joseph

by Ned & Sally Munger

Mass intentions available for all masses, envelopes in the back of both churches. complete the information and put in the collection basket or bring to the church.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

presents

the Second Annual

"Feast in the Vineyard"

Father Lawrence Birthday and Ordination Celebration

Saturday, October 7, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At Bantry Vineyard, formerly owned by Father James
12102 Hwy 29 (directly across from C Street, Lower Lake)

serving Mexican and Asian Food

Including dessert

Featuring entertainment provided by the Middletown High School Ballet Folklorico, singing and dancing by Irma Lopez Music, Silent Dessert Auction

ADULT TICKETS \$50

CHILDREN \$20

Auction tickets available for the
"Priest Prepares the Feast"

Purchase your tickets for a gourmet feast prepared by our own Father Lawrence.

Two winners, each winner allowed 3 additional guests,
tickets to be drawn the night of the event.

\$10 each or 6 for \$50

Tickets are available after mass until Sunday, October 1, also available at

Rosales Market or the rectory until October 4

For additional information contact the office 707 987-3676.

Proceeds to support ongoing parish projects.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

COLLECTIONS September 2-3

First Collection \$1400

Second Collection \$2552



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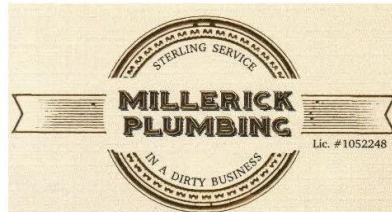
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